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James R. Doolittle is still out in the cold. Every mission he wanted has been filled by some other man.

Miss Sweet still continues to be a thorn-in-the-flesh to the administration. She holds the pension office with a grip that humiliates General Black and confounds the president.

The much talked about divorce suit between Dr. Walter Kempster, late superintendent of the Northern schools, and his wife, has finally been settled satisfactorily to both parties. The doctor withdraws the charges against his wife, and the latter securing the divorce on the simple charge of desertion. The doctor binds himself to pay \$1,000 a year to Mrs. Kempster while she remains unmarried, with \$300 additional for the support of the only surviving daughter, who has been committed to her mother's care.

The Germans of Milwaukee are much disappointed by the action of the administration in ignoring their nationality when important offices are to be filled. Ex-Congressman Deuster, of Milwaukee, can't get anything and his friends are constantly getting left. He edits and owns the *Scobots*, and in that he warns the president and the administration generally, that if the Germans do not get a show they will make it hot for the democrats. Thus is the administration learning every day that it is not an easy thing to satisfy the hunger and thirst of an army of office-seekers.

The sentiment of the democratic office-holders is in full accord with an editorial paragraph in the *Athens* (Georgia) *Banner-Advertiser*, which is: "The government is rich and able to pay handsome salaries. Our boys have heretofore been choked off from the public seat, and now that they have a firm grip upon it for four years at least let them drink their fill. There are plenty of ways to economize without reducing salaries and offices. Turn about is fair play, and we want to see the democrats have as good a showing as the republicans enjoyed. Let us stop this foolish boast of retrenchment, until the southern and northern democrats have an opportunity of getting even with the rads." It is very safe to predict that during the democratic administration there will be no reduction of salaries.

A comparison of the height of the Bar. H. Goldstein statue with the most elevated points in New York city and with the largest monuments of the ancient and modern world will be interesting. Compared with Trinity church steeple and the Brooklyn bridge towers, the figures in feet are:

Height above
Statue of Liberty..... 82
Brooklyn bridge towers..... 230
Trinity church steeple..... 231

Compared with the different statues and monuments of the Eastern hemisphere the figures are as follows, the "pedestal" of the statue of Liberty including also the foundation:

Figure, Pedestal, Total..... 82
Statue of Liberty..... 82
London Monument..... 222
Nelson Monument..... 222
Arch of Triumph, Paris..... 113
Colonne Vendome, Paris..... 114
Trajan's Pillar, Rome..... 113
Forum of Augustus, Rome..... 114
Obelisk, Rome..... 114
Statue of Liberty..... 82
Statue of Minerva..... 83

State Senator Charles Jones, of Racine, who was appointed by President Cleveland as consul to Prague, the capital of the Austrian Kingdom of Bohemia, will be unable to avail himself of his good fortune. Mr. Jones is a scholar and patriotic Bohemian, who wrote some fiery revolutionary pamphlets when a young man residing in his native country, and the Austrian government declines to receive as a representative of the United States the author of those inconsiderate publications. Thus is all right. If, to the Austrian government, Mr. Jones is an "offensive partisan," there is no reason why the government should not decide to receive him, and the administration should not find fault with Austria's course. It is simply carrying out the administration's policy of having nothing to do with "offensive partisans," a course which the president can't condemn.

The applicants for positions of post-office inspectors are thoroughly disgruntled with the civil service questions propounded to them in Washington the other day. There were sixty candidates for thirty-six vacancies. One of the candidates said, "of all the fool questions I think the commission has corralled the most of them. The first question was, What were the three coordinate branches of government? Now what has that got to do with Post office inspectors? That's what I'd like to know. The next thing was something like it. Why, a Baltimore man next to me just up and staggered out of the room. He said he was just as good a democrat as any of the commission and he wasn't going to be badgered with such nonsense." One requirement was that they should write down the personal description of a certain person, Dr. Gregory, of the civil service commission, was the person selected for the commission and he stood up for some minutes before the class while they scrutinized him closely before writing down their descriptions. There was not a practical business question put to the candidates. But this is not strange. The question propounded was on a par with the principles of the civil service law.

WISCONSIN POSTOFFICES. The postoffice department at Washington has just completed a readjustment of the salaries of postmasters of the first, second and third, grades in this state. During the past year the offices worked under the 2-cent

postage law, and as a rule, there has been a slight decrease in the amount of business done, and as the salaries of the postmasters are based on the financial transactions of the offices, the following offices have had their salaries cut down \$100, the figures given being the salaries allowed under the new adjustment:

Appleton..... \$2,800
Berlin..... 1,000
Caledonia..... 1,000
Clinton..... 1,000
Columbus..... 1,400
Daneville..... 1,400
Delavan..... 1,400
Eau Claire..... 2,500
Elkhorn..... 1,400
Fond du Lac..... 1,400
Fort Atkinson..... 1,200
Grapeland, Polk..... 1,000
Hancock..... 1,400
Huron..... 1,400
Vermilion..... 1,400
Vestoria..... 1,400
Waukesha..... 1,700
Waterloo..... 1,400
Weston..... 1,700

The following offices have been reduced \$200, and the new salaries are as follows:

Beloit..... \$800
Hudson..... 1,400
Madison..... 1,400
Merton..... 1,200

The Janesville office remains the same as last year—\$2,600; and that at Edgerton has been increased from \$1,000 to \$1,100.

MINERAL PRODUCTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

The second annual report on "the mineral resources of the United States," by Albert Williams, Jr., chief of the division of mining statistics and technology, United States geological survey, is now in press and will be issued shortly. This report is for the calendar years 1883 and 1884, and contains detailed statistics for these periods, and also for preceding years, together with much descriptive and technical matter. The metal products of the United States in 1883, is shown to be as follows:

Quantity	Value
Pig iron, long tons, spot	\$1,900,000
Silver, troy ounces, coin	35,783,822
Gold, troy ounces, coin	46,200,000
Gold, troy grains	1,511,249
Gold, troy grains	50,000,000
Copper, pounds	17,181,755
Lead, short tons	19,934,867
Iron, short tons	38,572
Quicksilver, drams	36,725
Nickel, pounds	95,800
Aluminum, troy ounces	1,000
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Total	\$40,110,820

This shows a falling off of nearly three millions of gold since 1882, but a million of silver, and fifteen millions of pig iron.

The statistics regarding coal are very interesting. Of what may be called the commercial product of coal—which excludes coal, coke, consumption—the quantities mined in 1884 were as follows: Pennsylvania anthracite, 39,718,293 long tons; bituminous and brown coal, lignite, and small lots of anthracite mined elsewhere than in Pennsylvania, 66,875,772 long tons; total, 97,694,065 long tons. The spot value of the commercial product was: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$6,100; bituminous and all other coals, \$70,819,501; total, \$101,855,147. Including the local consumption, etc., the total product in 1884, may be stated at 160,906,355 long tons; namely, 33,175,755 long tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 78,780,559 long tons of bituminous and all other coals; and the value of the mines was: Pennsylvania anthracite, \$66,851,512; bituminous and all other coals, \$77,417,066; total, \$143,768,578. The total output of all coal showed a net gain in tonnage, in over 1882, of 4,088,325 long tons, but decline in value of \$15,785,377.

The grand total of metallic and non-metallic mineral substances produced in the United States in 1883, was valued at \$452,204,028.

AN OLD SETTLEMENT GONE.

Colonel B. W. Brisbois, the oldest native born white person of Wisconsin, died in the State hospital last week, at the age of nearly 90 years. For some time past he had been in ill-health and in addition to this his mind began to fail him, and it was thought best to take him to the State hospital, which was done on the 15th of May.

Colonel Brisbois was born in Prairie du Chien in 1805, and was the only white person in the state of that age who was a native of Wisconsin. His father settled in Prairie du Chien in 1761, a long time before the revolutionary war began and lived there until the time of his death in 1837. Colonel Brisbois became well acquainted with General Zach. Taylor when he was in command of Fort Crawford, and was a comrade of Jeff Davis when the latter was stationed at Prairie du Chien fifty-five years ago. The colonel was a fine French scholar, and could talk the several Indian dialects fluently. All the Indian tribes that have existed in Minnesota, and Wisconsin, for the past fifty years, knew Colonel Brisbois and confided in him more than in any other white man in the northwest, unless the late Hercules L. Dousman may be excepted.

Colonel Brisbois was a queer character in several ways. He was a man who never made an enemy. He had an amorous dislike for political honors. In 1873 he was appointed consul to Belgium—a valuable position—but when surrounded by all that that there is fascinating and gay in Brussels and the surrounding cities, he got home-sick and longed for the sandy streets of Prairie du Chien, and Belgium, with all its enchantments, could hold him but a little.

His father was buried on the summit of Round Top, the highest peak on the bluffs, and for nearly fifty years there he lay all alone, not another grave within mile. He requested, for some strange reason, to be buried in that lonesome but commanding spot, and last week the body of the son was laid by that of the father.

It seems odd to write about a man who was born in Wisconsin almost as far back as the time when the government of the United States began. There is not another white man in all the northwest, we believe, whose birth in Wisconsin or Minnesota, antedates the war of '12. Colonel Brisbois was

old enough to remember, and did remember, the attack of the British at Prairie du Chien in 1814, and when the town was compelled to surrender to the enemies of the government.

"WORKING THEOLOGY"

MR. BEECHER DEFINES THE EXPRESSION AND FORMULATES HIS CREDO.

The Four "Executive" Christian Doctrines in Line with Evolution—Spiritual Power of Baptism an "Innocent Delusion"—Abuse Ben Adham.

Now York, June 22.—Mr. Beecher's text for Sunday morning's sermon in his series on Theological Evolution was the 83rd of the *Christianity* in Line with Evolution—Spiritual Power of Baptism an "Innocent Delusion"—Abuse Ben Adham.

An action instituted to wind up the affairs of the South Pennsylvania railroad company, and for a distribution of its property, is on trial before Justice Sedgwick, in New York. Counsel for the plaintiff claim that the railroad was built at a cost of \$15,000,000, for which \$40,000,000 of securities were issued, in violation of the laws of Pennsylvania. Among the defendants are William C. Whitney, S. B. Elkins, D. O. Mills, Andrew Carnegie, J. D. Rockefeller, and Abram S. Dury.

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Dated May 21, 1888.

W. F. WARREN, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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